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In re application of : Mikio WATANABE et al.

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For : PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF CYCLIC LACTIC ACID OLIGOMERS

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___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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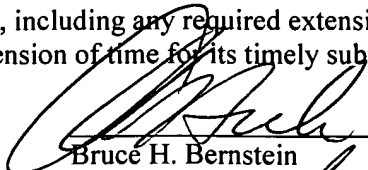
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.312, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.